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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

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1. PTO Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111;
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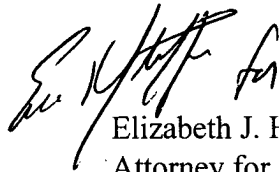
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Respectfully submitted,

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